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“The Gilman Program enabled me to study abroad without financial burden. This experience was instrumental to my college career and further pushed me down my current pathway of practicing public interest law.”

- Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude with Honors, in political science: political economy
- Boston University Law School ASPIRE: Antiracist Scholarship

Naomi studied abroad as a Gilman scholar at the University of Washington Rome Center. Her time in Italy provided her with a once-in-a-lifetime experience to learn about Italian history and the role of the church. Being immersed in a new country, eating the fresh pasta, and stepping inside buildings she’s only learned about in her textbooks sparked Naomi’s passion to travel and experience cultures from around the world. Through her travels, she attained a more comprehensive understanding of various cultures and systems abroad.

As a part of her study abroad program, she took a service-learning course, working alongside Caritas to serve food to the hungry, migrants, and refugees. This experience shed light on global poverty and the refugee crisis, further confirming her desire to go into public interest law. She is looking forward to applying her knowledge gained abroad to the classroom and in practice.

Naomi is a first-year law student and Antiracist Scholar for Progress, Innovation, and Racial Equity (ASPIRE) at Boston University. She is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and share this resource with unrepresented and underserved communities. She hopes to inform students that studying abroad is not inaccessible.

